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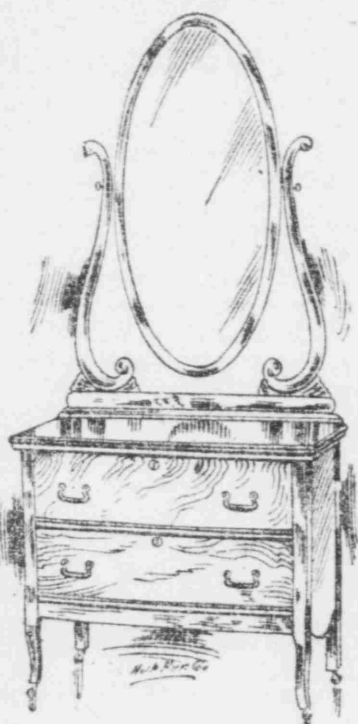
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EARL'S TRAGIC FATE TOLD.

Facts Regarding Duel in Paris Just Coming to Light.

London, Jan. 22.—Gossip about the tragic fate of young Earl Percy is current in London society. The facts were well known in Paris within a few hours of his death and would have been published here but for the extraordinary efforts of his friends. The clearest version of the matter is the following:

Earl Percy is said to have made a disparaging remark about the young wife of one of the best-known members of the Asquith cabinet. This came to the knowledge of the lady's brother, who sought out Earl Percy and insulted him publicly. The latter kept his temper, but remarked: "You would not dare say that to me on the continent."

The reply was: "I will say it to you in Paris with all its implies." Both men went to Paris two days later and fought a duel with pistols. Earl Percy was severely wounded in the chest. He would have recovered, the doctors say, had he obeyed their instructions to keep absolutely quiet. He insisted upon working upon his electoral address and a speech he intended to deliver as Unionist candidate for parliament in the south division of Kensington a few days later. The result was that his wound became inflamed, an attack of pleurisy set in, and he succumbed.

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SIXTH MINISTER
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Francis Acland, of England's War Office, Defeated.

UNIONISTS NOW IN MAJORITY

Returns from Four-Fifths of Constituencies Show Changing Results—Two of the Victors on Unionist Side Are Husbands of American Women—Socialists Far Behind.

London, Jan. 22.—Francis Dyke Acland, financial secretary to the war office, was defeated in Yorkshire to-day. At the last general election Mr. Acland was returned by a majority of 108. He is the sixth member of the present ministry to lose his constituency.

Two Unionists who have American wives were successful in yesterday's elections. D. B. Hall, who was successful in the Isle of Wight, married Caroline Montgomery, of New York. P. K. Kerr-Simley, who was successful in North Antrim, married Maud Galles, daughter of E. L. Simpson, of New York.

Unionists in Majority.

Returns from nearly four-fifths of the constituencies indicate that the Unionists will hold more seats than the Liberals in the new Parliament. The balance of power will be held by the Nationalists and Labor members. If the proportion of Unionist gains recorded thus far continues in the remaining districts the number of Unionist members will be 283, and the Liberals, Laborites, and Nationalists will total 257. Of these, not more than 250 will be Liberals.

Prime Minister Asquith must therefore depend upon his Irish and labor allies for his majority. It scarcely need be explained that this combination will be weak and unstable. A considerable number of Liberal candidates have been telling their constituents in this campaign that they will refuse to support home rule, despite Asquith's quasi pledge to the Nationalists. Moreover, nearly all the Irish members are opposed to free trade and are strongly protectionist in their sympathies. The labor members deeply resent the imputation that they are allies of the Liberals. Although they have voted with the government on most questions, they are not unanimous supporters of free trade. They favor the land tax and the socialistic features of the budget, which is the Irish detest.

Cohesion Is Lacking.

It is clear that the essential elements of cohesion which were present in Gladstone's last Parliament in 1893 will be absent in the new house. It is hinted already that a certain section of the Unionists are quite ready to make a bargain with the Irish members for granting practically as large a measure of home rule as men of Asquith's moderate type are willing to concede.

Parliaments of small majorities have often had long life in England, but one of the present description, where the cabinet itself will be torn by serious dissensions, is quite new to this country, and can scarcely be enduring. A significant feature of the election thus far has been the decisive falling off in the labor and social vote. The labor party has already lost five of its fifty-five seats, and its popular vote has declined to 359,000, compared with 422,000 in 1906.

The Socialists, who had only a few scattering candidates, polled only 12,000 votes against 28,000 in 1906.

MARINERS GATHER.

All Phases of Sailor Life to Be Represented To-morrow.

Masters, mates, and pilots from the Great Lakes, the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, navigable rivers, and the Gulf, delegates to the twenty-fourth annual convention of the American Association, are arriving. Sessions will begin at the Normandie to-morrow at 10 o'clock and continue the rest of the week.

This organization is made up of representative mariners who handle the big coastwise steamers, sailing vessels, pilot boats, ocean greyhounds, liners, and freight vessels. Their deliberations may result in appeals for national legislation. Headquarters were established yesterday with Secretary C. L. Warwick in charge.

The officers of the association are: President, John H. Pruett, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; first vice president, A. L. Pease, Portland, Ore.; second vice president, A. B. Mackey, Pittsburgh, Pa.; third vice president, W. H. Summers, Camden, N. J.; treasurer, A. B. Devlin, Jersey City, N. J.; counsel, L. B. Dow, New York, N. Y., and secretary, C. L. Warwick, Baltimore.

CHIEF JUSTICE TO PRESIDE.

Will Hear Trial of Sisters Accused of Murder.

New York, Jan. 22.—It is understood that Chief Justice Gummere, of New Jersey, will preside at the trial of the three Wardlaw sisters, accused of murdering their kinswoman, Mrs. Oney Sneed, in East Orange on November 29 last. It is said the chief justice consented to hear the trial at the request of Prosecutor Mott, of Essex County, and Franklin W. Fort, counsel for two of the defendants. The date for the trial will not be set until the three women plead to the charge. Mr. Mott will not fix the time for pleading until he confers with Mr. Fort.

\$200,545 Paid by Relief Fund.

Pittsburg, Jan. 22.—The Carnegie Relief Fund, created by Andrew Carnegie for the benefit of employees of the Carnegie Steel Company, made its report for 1909 to-day, showing that it disbursed in accident and death benefits and pension allowances the sum of \$200,545, which is about \$10,000 less than the amount paid out last year. This makes a grand total of \$1,500,000.39 disbursed since the relief fund was instituted in 1902.

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Funeral of Rev. W. W. Walker.
Special to The Washington Herald.
Warsaw, Va., Jan. 22.—In the presence of a large attendance the remains of Rev. W. W. Walker, of Westmoreland, who died Thursday morning last, were interred at 11 o'clock to-day in the family burying ground at Poplar Plains, Rev. D. E. Hudson conducting the services. The pallbearers were F. M. Ernest, M. T. F. Wright, J. M. Omohundro, W. G. Walker, W. I. Morgan, J. T. Bailey, E. C. Jenkins, and S. B. Walker.

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SEEKS TO FREE MORSE.

Littleton Will Apply for Writ of Habeas Corpus.

New York, Jan. 22.—Martin W. Littleton, counsel for Charles W. Morse, the convicted banker, said to-day that within thirty days he would apply to the Federal courts in Atlanta, Ga., for a writ of habeas corpus on behalf of Morse. The writ, the lawyer says, will enable him to present to the court the following questions:

"First—As to whether the court that tried Morse, composed of the judge and eleven jurors, was a constitutional court within the meaning of the Constitution, it being conceded that one of the jurors was demoted at the time of the trial.

"Second—As to whether the defendant was afforded a trial by an impartial jury as provided by the Constitution, which jury was overshadowed and surrounded by the private paid detectives of the prosecution.

"Third—As to whether or not a sentence which is five years in excess of the statutory term is a valid sentence upon which the defendant can be confined."

Wheeler Reach St. Petersburg.
St. Petersburg, Jan. 22.—George Post Wheeler, the new secretary of the United States Embassy here, and Mrs. Wheeler arrived to-day.

REPORTS ON ALASKA BILL.

Senate Committee Makes Changes in Beveridge's Suggestions.

The Senate Committee on Territories agreed yesterday to report Senator Beveridge's bill, authorizing a civil government for Alaska, after increasing the membership of the legislative council from seven to eleven, eight of whom are to be elected, two from each judicial district, and reducing proposed salaries. The salary of the governor will be \$7,500 instead of \$10,000, as proposed. Other proposed executive salaries were cut.

Disappears in Night Clothes.

Cleveland, Jan. 22.—Informed by the answers to correspondents department of a psychic magazine that he was due to die on Thursday at midnight, John Wege, aged thirty-five, vanished at that hour in his night clothes, and has not since been seen.

Cardinal's Signature Forged.

Rome, Jan. 22.—A Roman nobleman, whose name is withheld, but who is suspected of being a duke, discounted at Florence bills of exchange to the amount of \$10,000, bearing the forged signature of Cardinal Rampolla, formerly papal secretary of state. Efforts are being made to hush the matter up.

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